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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS VS. THE PROS: IS TRADITION AND MONEY THE DIFFERENCE?

The major difference between High School sports participants and pro players, outside of talent; is that the pros get paid for their talents. This possibly could be why High School games have more intensity and excitement than do pro games. The reason that High school students participate in sports is because they want to, and not for the money. I think this makes their desire to win greater, therefore creating more excitement. There are no fat cats in high school, there are just kids who want to play.

Another thing that favors High School sports is that there are many traditional games. The pros do not have enough of these rivalries, which seem to excite the fans more. Such rivalries include the Peabody-Saugus annual Thanksgiving game, Don Bosco-Catholic Memorial in basketball, and Matignon-Malden Catholic in hockey. If a team wins their contest against their arch-rival, it can make their whole season a success.

High School teams are playing solely on desire. They constantly give 110 percent each game, while in the pros you find but a few players who perform like that.

Maybe it's about time for people across the nation to wake up to the fact, that to see an exciting game, you don't have to go see a pro event, but rather go out and cheer on your local team.

McKenzie, Bowman, and Sousa: Tanner Explosives

In most cases, a feature will be done on one player, but in the case of the Peabody High Hockey team, no one player stands out on their high scoring first line of Bobby McKenzie, Danny Bowman, and Eddie Sousa.

The tanners possess the second highest scoring line in division I, preceeded only by Kevin Coughlin's South Boston line. In the beginning of the year, The Tanners were ranked fourth in Division I, but while other top powers were being knocked off, Peabody remained immuned from defeat, until their 2-1 loss at the hands of the Arlington Spy Ponders.

Throughout the year the team has been led by McKenzie, Bowman, and Sousa, but it was never more evident than in their victory over Sommerville. The score was 12-1, but that just begins to tell the story; 10 of the goals came off the sticks of their big line. McKenzie lit the lamp for 5 goals and added 2 assists, while teammates Eddie Sousa (3 goals and 4 assists) and Danny Bowman (2 goals and 5 assists), also chipped in with 7 points apiece. When the dust had cleared, the Tanners first line had accounted for 21 points, most certainly a PHS record.

With continued brilliant play from this line and steady goaltending, the team might just capture that honor that they barely missed a year ago, EMASS State Champions.

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tanners escape sommerville

In a wild and wily hockey game at the DNR rink, the Tanners managed to shoot down a tough and scrappy Somerville sextet, winning 10-7, byway of a 5-goal barrage late in the third period.

Peabody's super line of Sousa, McKenzie, and Bowman combined for 7 goals and 7 assists to help the Tanner cause.

Sousa, McKenzie and Thibideau lit the lamp for Peabody in the first period, that gave them a comfortable 3-1 lead. However, a second period surge by Somerville knotted things at 5 all heading into the third period.

Bobby McKenzie started things off, with a goal at 7:21 with Eddie Sousa picking up the lone assist.



It was Sousa's 50th assist of his career as a Tanner.

After the noise died down, Danny Bowman slipped in a back-hander to make the score 7-5. However, Somerville's Billy Crowley rammed in one of his five goals to narrow it to 7-6.

But, junior Tommy Hallinan decided to get into the act. He took a pass from center Jackie Sheehan and slammed in his first goal of his brief career as a Tanner, that proved to be the winning goal of the game.

This was actually the beginning of the end for Somerville. Later, Sousa and McKenzie tallied for Peabody to close out a good win.

Peabody rifled 49 shots at Somerville, while Tanner goalie Mike Cronin saw only 20 from the net.

McKenzie netted the hat trick, and along with 2 assists earned star of the game award.

SOUSA'S 100TH POINT PACES TANNERS, 6-4

Senior Eddie Sousa collected his 100th point as a Tanner iceman, while he and his teammates skated to a 6-4 win over a tough Chelsea team.

The Tanners scored five times in the opening stanza. Donny Beckett opened the scoring with a fine one man effort to score a short-handed goal at 1:20 of the first period, giving Peabody a 1-0 lead.

Jackie Sheehan made it 2-0, when he stole the puck from a sleeping Chelsea defender, and nestled it inside the far post.

Sousa made it 3-0, when he broke up a center-ice pass, and skated in unmolested to score. It was Sousa's 100th point as a member of the Tanners varsity squad.

Tom Cullen's tip-in of a Pat O'Leary slapshot at 8:28, cushioned the lead even more. A few minutes later, Sousa made it 5-0 with his second goal of the evening, a hard backhander.

Chelsea scored their only goal of the period, when a shot from the corner deflected off of a Chelsea skater.

Peabody came right back at :14 of the second period when Bobby McKenzie took a perfect pass from Sousa and slammed it into the net, for his 22nd goal of the year. It made the score 6-1.

A Tanner letdown allowed 3 quick Chelsea goals that closed out the scoring.

Sousa, with 2 goals and an assist, earned star of the game award.



HOCKEY





Junior center Jackie Sheehan came up with a 2-goal, 2 assist performance, as Peabody skated into first place in the GBL byway of an 8-1 thumping of Haverhill.

The win, coupled with a 3-2 Revere loss to Medford, left the Tanners in sole possession of first place.

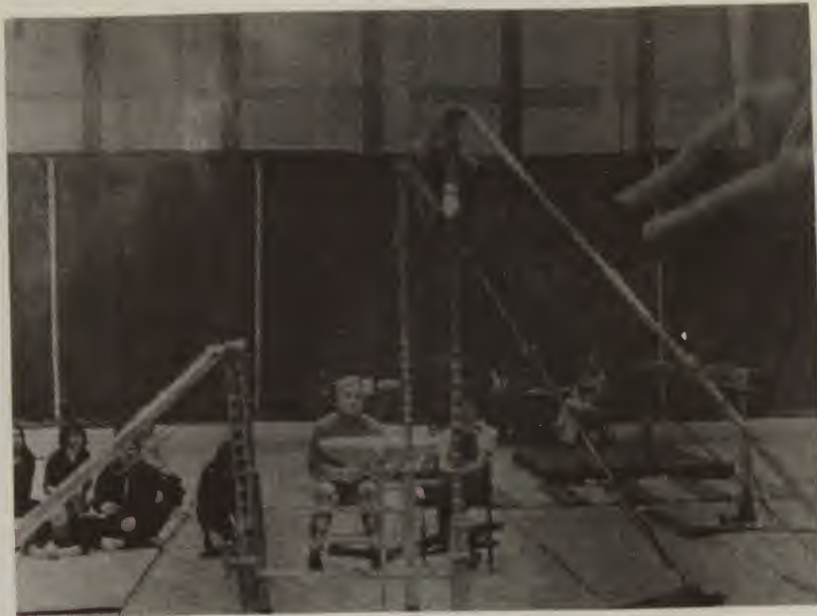
With the victory, the Tanners became the first North Shore team to qualify for the state tournament.

This game was a game for unsung hero's, as the Tanners second line headed the fire power. Along with Sheehan's fine performance came Tommy Cullens' 2 goals and 1 assist, and Donny Becket's 2 assists.

Sheehan leads Tanner Charge over Haverhill, 8-1



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TANNERS RACE TO TITLE

Dave Maclean, tabbed as "the best runner in the schools history", shattered the 300 yrd. dash record in helping Peabody win the Northern Area Track Championship held at Lynn Tech.

Maclean was clocked in 32.6 in the 300, beating the old meet and fieldhouse mark he established last year by half a second. Maclean, in setting the mark, bested Revere's Frank Mucci, by more than a full second.

The Tanners built up an almost insurmountable lead, in the sprint events, totaling 33 1/2 points to Beverly's 28 1/2, and Wilmington's 26.

John Diefenbach set a record in the 45 yard high hurdles, when he stopped the clocks at 5.8 seconds.

Diefenbach established the new meet record, when he finished 2 yards ahead of Wilmington's Rich McCully.

Cal Greene came away with 7 points for the Tanners when he placed 2nd in the high hurdles and third in the high jump.

Greene cleared the bar at 6' 1 1/4" to finish second to Joe Delaney of the Greater Lawrence Regional with a jump of 6'3".

Peter Kitsakos raced to a fine 34.1 clocking in the 300 yard dash, to finish third. His effort was .4 of a second better than his preliminary time.

Although Maclean, Greene, Diefenbach and Kitsakos turned in fine efforts, it was the performances of Kenny Hoyle, Ed Kohonen and Norman Glen, that gave the Tanners the margin of victory.

Hoyle achieved a personal best, with a heave of 50' 10 3/4" to finish 3rd in the shot put event. Kohonen picked up an important point, with a fifth place finish of 55.5 in the 440.

Junior, Norman Glen, took 4th in the 50 yard dash with a 5.8 clocking. He had previously registered a 5.7 in the preliminary heat.

David Hawkins, Kitsakos, Greene, and Maclean carried the baton for the Tanners, in a third place finish in the mile relay.

However the 2-mile relay team came out better than the mile unit with Phil Sheridan, John Bird, Scott O'brien and Chris Tighe combining for a 8:44.0 clocking for a second place finish establishing a new PHS record.



TANNERS



SHINE!

Cal Greene, John Diefenbach and Dave Maclean all came up with first place honors as the Greater Boston League routed the A.E. Conference in the All-Star meet held at Revere High School.

The Tanners chipped in 33 1/2 points as the GBL "out-trucked" the NEC by a 112 1/2 - 37 1/2 margin.

The GBL opened up a 32-0 lead spear-headed by a 6 flat clocking in the high hurdles by Tanner John Diefenbach.

Moments later, a stunned fieldhouse crowd watched in amazement as Dave Maclean stopped the watches at 5.5 for the 50 yrd. dash. His time bested the old fieldhouse mark by .5 of a second.

The third first place medal was won by Cal Greene, when he tied a fieldhouse high jump record, with a leap of 6'1".

Other performances by Tanners came from Kenny Hoyle with a heave of 50' 30" to earn a 2nd place tie in the shot put event, and Phil Sheridan who finished fourth with a 2:29.9 clocking in the grueling 1000 yard run.



HAVERHILL GUNS DOWN PHS

The Tanners watched a sky-high Haverhill team come from behind to win and qualify them for the Tech tourney, with a 73-60 win over Peabody.

Peabody built up an early 10-1 lead, but saw it dwindle as Andy Argenbright, Neil Barry, Tom Hart, and Jack Bergin were all forced out of the game early due to foul trouble.

Haverhill broke a 27-27 tie late in the second quarter with a 14-2 blitz to halftime that eventually would due in Peabody.

The Tanners had a well balanced attack with Argenbright(14), Bergin(14), Bo Kane(14), Hart(9), and Art Tsionis(7).

"We missed too many easy shots. A key factor was our foul shooting. We missed 11, and 8 of those were 1st I's," commented coach Rick Weitzman.

Peabody played Haverhill even in the second half, but they just couldn't make up that Haverhill blitz late in the first half.

TANNERS BOW TO HAVERHILL 82-77

In a game undecided until the final minutes, the Haverhill Hillies outlasted the Tanners 82-77 behind a 31 pt. performance by guard Daryl Pentalton.

All Tanners were in double figures except guard Frank Splaine who led the team in the assist column with 8.

Coach Rick Weitzman was dismayed after the loss. He exclaimed, "The crucial point came in the third period when we held a 1 point lead."

Weitzman continued, "Jeff Linehan was just great defensively, and Bo Kane develops his confidence more and more each game. What can I say about Argenbright except he gives you that great game every time."

Argenbright led all Tanager scorers with 27 points, while Kane chipped in with 13.



gymnasts beat billerica



The PHS girls gymnast team won their meet with Billerica, 72.75 - 66.7 to up their record to 5-2.

The floor event was captured by Jen Chandler, followed by Patty Konovalchik (third) and Marie McDonald (sixth). At the completion of the floor exercises - Peabody held a slim 20.5- 20.4 edge.

Peabody showed exceptional strength in the vaulting with co-captain Dot Procopio winning the event with the highest mark she's ever received. Linda Surman took 2nd place honors with the highest mark she's ever received.

Into the second half, Peabody had a 41.95- 39.95 lead. They broke it open on the uneven bars taking 4 of the top 6 places., with Konovalchik and Surman taking first and second.



